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Don't miss these history talks

February marks the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth and the launch of programming for the 2009 BIG Read, Geraldine Brooks' Civil War novel, *March*.

Catawba County Library System will host a series of free programs next month at Main Library in Newton. All are free and open to the public and should interest history buffs and BIG Read enthusiasts alike.

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The BIG Read is a county-wide adult literacy project supported by Catawba County Library System, Hickory Public Library System, Lenoir-Rhyne University and Catawba Valley Community College.

March, which won the Pulitzer Prize three years ago, explores the devastation and moral complexities of the Civil War as the author imagines the story of "Mr. March" the absent father in *Little Women*, who was based on Louisa May Alcott's own father, Bronson Alcott.

Copies of the Eller, Griffin and Snodgrass books are available in the Catawba County

Library System along with audio and print copies of both *March* and *Little Women*. For more information, check the library website at www.catawbacountync.gov/library.

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